

CITY OF *Beachwood* Insider

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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARTIN HORWITZ: COVID-19 VACCINE PROCESS

The federal government has directed each state to determine its own vaccination-priority process. The State of Ohio has developed a phased vaccination approach. Ohioans age 75 and older and those with severe congenital, developmental or early-onset medical disorders could start being immunized in January. Ohioans age 70 and older can start being immunized the week of February 1, and those age 65 and older can start being immunized the week of February 8.

Once your age group or phase is eligible, there are two ways to receive the COVID-19 vaccine:

- 1) Through the Cuyahoga County Board of Health clinics. Go to ccbh.net/vax to sign up to be notified when slots are available at County vaccination clinics. If you use this method, you will wait for a slot to come up at a CCBH vaccination clinic. This might take several weeks beyond when your phase is eligible.
- 2) Through the state's range of additional vaccine providers published at coronavirus.ohio.gov. This will require you to contact providers to schedule your own appointment. It's our goal as a City for the maximum number of our residents to be vaccinated. If you are having difficulties finding or getting to a vaccination site, please contact our Community Services Department at 216.292.1970 for assistance.

BEWARE OF COVID-19 SCAMS

As the vaccine continues to roll out, watch out for scams disguised as offers to help you get COVID-19 tests, cures or vaccines, and never pay or reveal private information to someone who contacts you; no government agency will ever ask you for this information. NOBODY can move you up in line to get a vaccine more quickly or before your phase is eligible. Anyone who says they can is a scammer.

If you receive a suspicious phone call or email, please report it to my office at 216.292.1901.

AS ALWAYS...

Maintain social distance of six feet or more, wash your hands frequently with lots of soap and hot water, wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth, and get adequate sleep and nutrition. Stay healthy, Beachwood.



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CONDOLENCES

We send condolences to Beachwood Public Works Director Chris Arrietta on the passing of his father, Joe, a 22-year Public Works Department employee who retired in 2019 as Superintendent of Building and Maintenance. Joe was a wonderful man with a warm smile and a wonderful attitude.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Blood donations are **by appointment only**. Please call the Red Cross at 800.733.2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment.

BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
Friday, February 19
1:00 — 7:00 PM

SAVE A LIFE. GIVE BLOOD.

PRESIDENTS' DAY

City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 15, in observance of Presidents' Day. Rubbish and recycling will not be collected by the City on February 15. Collections will be delayed one day: regular Monday collections will shift to Tuesday, regular Tuesday collections will shift to Wednesday, and so on.

THANKS FOR NOT SHAVING

Members of the Beachwood Police, Fire and Public Works Departments participated in No-Shave November and raised \$2020 for The Gathering Place, a Beachwood-based nonprofit that offers free programs and services to help individuals and families cope with the impact of cancer.

For more information, visit touchedbycancer.org.

BEACHWOOD WELCOMES DEREK SCHROEDER, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR



On January 4, Derek Schroeder was sworn-in as Community Services Director. Derek brings to us more than two decades of administrative experience from Twinsburg, where he oversaw youth, adult and senior programming, including: the fitness center, community center, senior center, outdoor water park, 2,000 acres of park land, community gardens and an amphitheater (Rock the Park). He was also administrative manager of the community theater, ran summer day-camps, and created many programs.

"Derek brings to us a wealth of creativity and experience, and fits in well to carry on this department's legacy," Mayor Horwitz said. "We welcome you to Beachwood!"

For more information, see page 12.

Public City meetings are now held online and can be viewed on the City website. For information on how to participate or submit a comment, please email whitney.crook@beachwoodohio.com. For information about Planning & Zoning and the Architectural Board of Review, please email veronica.muth@beachwoodohio.com.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL

Monday, February 1 at 7:00 PM
Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 PM
Monday, March 1 at 7:00 PM
Questions? Call 216.595.5462

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Thursday, February 25 at 6:30 PM
Questions? Call 216.292.1914

ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW

Monday, February 1 at 4:00 PM
Tuesday, February 16 at 4:00 PM
Monday, March 1 at 4:00 PM
Questions? Call 216.292.1914

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NEW ART EXHIBIT

BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

THE FEMALE GAZE

February 18 – March 18

BY APPOINTMENT

Featuring work by:

Sarah Curry

Leah Gilbert

Debby Zelman Rapoport

Shayna Roth Pentecost

Eileen Roth

Deborah Silver

Susan Porges

and more



Visit the exhibit online at www.BeachwoodOhio.com, or call 216.595.3733 to schedule an in-person appointment. Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

WE CAN HELP!

If COVID-19 health and cleaning supplies are not within your budget, please call the Community Services Department at 216.292.1970.

BEACHWOOD DELIVERS!

Extended through the month of February, the City of Beachwood's fee-free restaurant-delivery service reaches all Beachwood addresses through Beachwood Delivers. This program has helped our restaurants increase orders and save money, and it received national media recognition. Learn more at the Beachwood Delivers Quick Link at www.BeachwoodOhio.com.



Work in Beachwood? Order dinner ahead of time, have it delivered to your workplace and drive it home to enjoy!

QUICK LINKS = QUICK INFO

For instant information about activities in the City of Beachwood, visit Quick Links at www.BeachwoodOhio.com. Topics include: COVID-19 Updates, Watch City Meetings, Recreation Programs, Virtual Rec Guide and more. Visit today!

THE RETURN OF BEACHWOOD SUMMER CAMPS!

City of Beachwood Summer Day Camps are excited to return for Summer 2021.



The summer-camp program may operate under reduced numbers based upon state-mandated COVID-19 guidelines. Should the current health crisis be reduced and the Responsible RestartOhio Day Camp Guidelines be rescinded, our camp operations will return to their normal standards. For now, our camps will operate under the mandated guidelines.

Resident registration began on Monday, January 11 for our KIDZ, Bison, Sports and Theater Camp and will begin March 1 for Teen Travel Camp. Registration packets are available inside the doorway at the Community Center and City Hall. An early-bird rate will be offered to residents who register no later than March 12. Non-resident registration begins on March 14. To

register, you must get a registration number, beginning on Wednesday, March 10 at 10:00 AM. A registration number does not guarantee a spot in camp.

New this year is a \$25 deposit for each registered session. For additional information, click on the www.BeachwoodOhio.com Quick Link for "Summer Day Camp 2021." A brochure was also mailed to all residents.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

We publicly recognize Tom Moore, Assistant Building Commissioner, who served the city for 13 years; Karen Carmen, Beachwood Community Services Director, who served for 21 years; Peter Conces, Recreation Director, who served for 31 years; and Esther Rutman, Human Services Program Coordinator, who served for 20 years, all of whom recently retired. We thank them for their dedication, service, and for helping build a tremendous reputation for this city.



Tom Moore
Asst. Building Commissioner
13 years



Karen Carmen
Community Services Director
21 years



Esther Rutman
Human Services Program Coordinator
20 years



Peter Conces
Recreation Department Director
31 years

Thank You!

2020 STATS FROM OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Yearly Totals

- 3,440 EMS
- 93 MVAs
- 54 Swat
- 893 Fire

Total: 4,480



In spite of pandemic challenges, men and women of the Beachwood Fire Department come to work every day ready to respond to make sure that Beachwood residents and businesses are protected. With a collective effort of all City Departments, we continue to provide the highest level of emergency services and continue to take necessary steps to combat COVID-19.



We thank you for your support, invite you to follow us on our Beachwood Fire Department Facebook page, and remind you that we can't help you if we can't find

you! When we are responding to an emergency, we rely on your address sign. Address signs that are obstructed by overgrown foliage or other objects can reduce our response time, and every second counts. Please make sure that your address numbers are clearly visible: the bigger the numbers, the better.

RX DRUG DROP BOX

A prescription drug drop-off box is located in the Police Department lobby. Residents can deposit unused, unwanted or expired prescription pills at the Drug Drop Box at the Police Department, Monday – Friday between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. No liquids or needles are allowed.

BARKWOOD DONATION FUND

When Howard Fleischman brought up an idea to Karen Carmen to create a vehicle for Beachwood residents to make donations and volunteer time to further elevate the Barkwood Dog Park experience, Karen felt that the best way to create a fund would be through the city. Council member Barbara Bellin Janovitz introduced an ordinance to establish the "Barkwood Donation Fund," which passed December 7. Donations in the fund are based upon a donor's recommendation, but subject to the discretion of the Community Services Director and the Mayor.



Donations can be made to the City of Beachwood. Please note "Barkwood Donation" and indicate if there's something specific to which you would like to attach the funds. For more information, see page 16.

SCAM SQUAD

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CORONAVIRUS SCAMS

Cuyahoga County Consumer Affairs says: watch out for coronavirus scams. Scammers usually want money or personal information through information that is disguised as:

- Offers to help you get stimulus payments or grants
- Offers to help you get a COVID-19 vaccine more quickly
- Threats to arrest you or seize your accounts
- Calls or emails from sheriff, IRS or any government agency.

Never pay or reveal private information (Social Security number or account numbers) to someone who contacts you!

Only imposter scammers will demand that you pay debts, fines or fees with money wires, Bitcoin, or gift cards. Government agencies, tech companies and utilities do not accept these payment methods.

For more information, call 216.442.7035 or visit consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us. To report a scam or talk to an investigator, call 216.443.SCAM (7226).

HELPFUL CUYAHOGA COUNTY RESOURCES

Cuyahoga Job and Family Services
844.640.OHIO (6446) or www.benefits.ohio.gov

County Board of Health (contact tracing, report health violations)
216.201.2000 or www.ccbh.net

MetroHealth 24/7 COVID-19 hotline
440.59.COVID (440.592.6843)



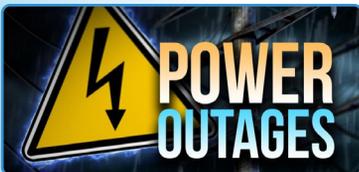
United Way First Call for Help
Dial 211 to connect with trusted free services

Division of Senior and Adult Services
216.420.6700 or hhs.cuyahogacounty.us

MASK REMINDER

Our City Playground and Barkwood are considered outdoor-gathering areas. Face coverings are required for all visiting people over the age of five.

POWER OUTAGES



If your power goes out due to an accident or force of nature such as high winds, lightning or storms, call First Energy at 888.LIGHTSS

(888.544.4877), not 911. This will allow the power company to track and repair outages while leaving our dispatchers free to handle emergency calls. You may also report outages by texting REG to 544487 (LIGHTS). You will need your account number and ZIP code.

BEACHWOOD VAN SERVICE

The Beachwood Community Services Department continues to provide van service to resident seniors and residents with disabilities to attend medical appointments or to pick up pre-paid grocery and pharmacy orders.



For more information, please call 216.292.1971.

SENIOR RUBBISH ASSISTANCE

Are you 80+ years of age or disabled with no one in your single-family home to assist you with your rubbish & recycling bins? We can help. Call 216.292.1922 to register.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Dates in February/March 2021 TBA
The Academy may be canceled or postponed depending on public-health concerns.

The Citizens Police Academy is a 12 – 14 week program that will increase cooperation and communication between community members and police officers and deepen participants' knowledge of police-department operations. Participants must:

- Be at least 21 years old
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Be a Beachwood resident or work in the City
- Have no pending criminal charges
- Have no felony convictions
- Have no pending civil litigation against the City or any other municipality, state, federal government or agencies

Background checks are performed and character references must be provided. To receive an application, please email Jamey.Appell@beachwoodohio.com.

HELP SUPPORT THE GREATER CLEVELAND FOOD BANK

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank works to ensure that everyone in our communities has the nutritious food they need every day. They do this by distributing food to nearly 1,000 local food pantries, hot meal programs, shelters, mobile pantries, programs for the elderly, and other nonprofit agencies. The Food Bank also prepares nutritious meals in their on-site kitchen and assists eligible low-income Northeast Ohioans with signing up for the SNAP program. In total, the Food Bank serves more than 300,000 people each year.

Throughout Northeast Ohio, one in six people are food insecure: meaning they may not know where their next meal will come from. Beachwood residents aren't immune. Many have lost jobs or have fallen ill during the pandemic and your support will help alleviate uncertainty. Every dollar that we raise will help provide four meals for our neighbors in need!



To donate, visit www.BeachwoodOhio.com and click on the H4H Donations Quick Link.

SAFE SNOW-SHOVELING TIPS

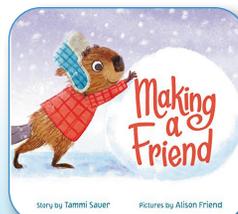
Heavy, wet snow is often called “heart attack snow,” because the great effort required to move it can increase your risk of having a heart attack. Repeatedly lifting a shovel full of heavy snow can be more strenuous than running on a treadmill.

Unlike conventional exercise, shoveling is usually done without a warm-up and can cause sudden increase in blood pressure and heart rate. Additionally, cold air may cause constriction of blood vessels, including coronary arteries, and decrease oxygen supply to the heart. Together, these factors can increase the heart's workload and cause a heart attack.

Six Ways to Prevent a Heart Attack While Shoveling

1. **Don't shovel first thing in the morning.** Most heart attacks occur first thing in the morning, when your blood is most likely to clot. Give yourself time to get up and moving before going out and grabbing the shovel. You'll also give the sun a chance to warm up things a bit.
2. **Warm up before shoveling.** Shoveling snow is hard work. Take a few minutes to stretch and move about beforehand.
3. **Use a smaller shovel.** A shovel full of wet snow is especially heavy when the shovel is big. It may take a little longer, but many small loads will be easier than fewer heavy ones.
4. **Dress appropriately.** Cover your hands, head and mouth. Covering your mouth with a scarf will help you inhale warmer air and can help avoid respiratory problems.
5. **Shovel in shifts.** If you need a rest, take a rest.
6. **Watch for warning signs:** chest tightness, lightheadedness and dizziness are heart-attack signs. If you suspect you're having a heart attack, call 911.

STORYWALK IN THE PARK



StoryWalk in City Park East features *Making a Friend*, by Tammi Sauer.

StoryWalk® was created by the Beachwood Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library to help build children's interest in reading while also encouraging healthy activity. Follow the StoryWalk® path and talk about the story as you go.